

Remarks

In the Office Action mailed September 29, 2004, objection was made to claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 19, and 21. Applicant has made the corrections suggested by the Examiner to meet the objection. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

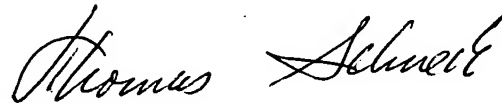
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